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Prospective Plantings for Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, MD --- The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official, survey based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2016 planting intentions, according to Dale Hawks, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office. NASS acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of more than 83,000 farm operators across the United States.

Maryland's 2016 key findings in the report are:

- **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 490 thousand acres, up 11 percent from last year.
- **Soybean** planted area is estimated at 510 thousand acres, down 2 percent from last year.
- **Barley** planted area is estimated at 50 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 360 thousand acres, up 1 percent from last year.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at 220 thousand acres, up 2 percent from last year.

The complete Prospective Plantings report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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